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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 15 to line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, presentation manager 113, portlets, or any combination of the two, can be implemented by a computer program comprising computer program code or application code. This application code or computer program code may be embodied in any form of a computer program product. A computer program product comprises a medium configured to store or transport this computer-readable code, or in which this computer-readable code may be embedded. Some examples of computer program products are storage media, such as CD-ROM discs, ROM cards, floppy discs, magnetic tapes, computer hard drives, servers on a network, and transmission media, such as carrier waves. The ~~computer program product~~ transmission media may also comprise signals, which do not use carrier waves, such as digital signals transmitted over a network (including the Internet) without the use of a carrier wave.

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In the Abstract of the Disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 11 to line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Access to external service providers is provided through portlets, where each portlet accessible by a user is represented on the display of the user device. Through use of a dynamic content channel, e.g., a portlet, a highly customizable content page may be produced for any individual client system. When a portlet is selected on a user device, the content associated with the portlet is retrieved and automatically transformed into data that can be displayed by that user device. Thus, a particular user device is not limited to accessing content in a format identical to that associated with the user interface in use on the user device. Consequently, the user's ability to access a wide variety of content sources independent of the characteristics of the particular user device is further enhanced. ~~An individual user can personalize the user device by specifying which service providers from among the ones the organization has made available via portlets, the user wants to use. Hence, prior art limitations on a single user system on a network accessing content on any desired external provider system that is coupled to the network are eliminated.~~